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[1](#)1. (U) Classified by Ambassador Marcelle M. Wahba for reasons 1.5 (b) and (d).

[1](#)2. (C) During a meeting on June 25, the Ambassador delivered Secretary Powell's oral message to MFA Minstate Shaykh Hamdan

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Bin Zayid, stressing the need for the UAEG to fulfil the commitment it made at the 2002 Beirut Summit to provide the Palestinian Authority budgetary support. The Ambassador noted to Hamdan that our records reflect that the UAEG has thus far paid 60 percent of its commitment as of June 1. Hamdan undertook to review the payment schedule of the UAEG's pledge and stated that his office would provide us with a report on its status.

¶3. (C) On July 2, Hamdan's Deputy Office Director Khadim Al Darei reported to Poloff that the UAEG has completely paid its Beirut 2002 \$21 million pledge to the Palestinian Authority. Al Dhareh noted that the UAEG pledged an additional \$21 million to the Palestinian Authority in Sharm Al Sheikh in March 2003, which the UAEG intends to pay in full by October 2003 as per the terms of the pledge.

¶4. (C) COMMENT: We are confident that the UAEG will fulfill its assistance to the Palestinian Authority as promised. These official pledges reflect only a portion of assistance provided to the Palestinian people. We note that President Zayed and the UAE Red Crescent Authority have also made significant contributions to the Occupied Territories and likely will continue to do so in the future. END COMMENT.

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